

CARR-1605

1124-1126 South Main Street

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city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C.1895 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE ATTACHED

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .3891 A.Quadrangle name HampsteadQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

B 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Description

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The George E. Cox Store is located at 1124-26 South Main Street in Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The building is located on the west side of the street and faces east toward the street. It is a 2 ½ story five bay by five bay frame structure with asbestos shingles on the east and north elevations and running bond brick on the south elevation. The house has two gable roofs with east/west ridges and two cross gables with north/south ridges. The roofing has asphalt shingles. There is a brick chimney centered on the eastern most ridge between the two ridges that run east/west. On the east elevation, the first story has paired 1/1 sash in the south bay; to the north of it is a doorway with a door that has one light of beveled glass over two lined panels and a 1-light transom above it. The center bay has a new door in an opening that was not original. The north center bay has a glazed door with sidelights and transom that are boarded up. There is a large 1/1 sash in the north bay. There is a 1 story porch that wraps around the north elevation. It has six boxed wood posts; a new concrete deck on the east elevation and a wood deck on the north elevation. The porch has a hip roof with standing seam metal. On the second story, there are paired 1/1 sash in the center bay with two 1/1 sash to each side. There are two gable ends on the east elevation. The south gable covers the southern two bays while the north gable covers the three north bays. The gable ends have wood shingles with clipped corners and semi-circular arched 1/1 sash. There is a wood box cornice.

The south elevation is only two bays deep and has no openings in the brick work. On the north elevation, the first story has a 1/1 sash to the east with a nine panel door; the center panel being glazed, in the east center bay. The center bay has a bay window with a 1/1 sash on each side. To the west of this is a glazed door and there is no opening in the western bay. The porch covers the four eastern bays and has three horizontal rails between each pair of posts. The second story has a 1/1 sash in the center bay and each end bay. There is a central gabled wall dormer over the center and west bays. Both of these dormers have diamond wood shingles and 1/1 sash. Also on the property are two vertical board sheds with gable roofs. The southern shed has a ridge that runs north/south and has standing seam metal. The northern shed has a ridge that runs east/west and has asphalt shingles. Contributing resources 3.

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The brick wall on the south elevation is probably a response to concerns of fire hazards because the building is located so close to the adjoining lot. The lack of openings in the brick wall in part suggests this. The 1911 Sanborn shows a different profile to the southeast corner of the building, with the one-story porch wrapping around the corner. While this suggests a change was made later, the change is not documented by later Sanborn maps, up through 1945. The character of the southeast corner is in keeping with the rest of the building, does not appear to be an alteration, and most likely predates 1910, based on the style of the details. Therefore, the map is probably in error here.

George Cox inherited the house of his father, Daniel, in 1902 and shortly afterward built a large dwelling for himself at 1022 Main Street in Hampstead (CARR-1609). Thus, if he lived in the residential portion of this building, it was not for very long. Whether Cox ran a business from here, or leased the property to someone else, is not known. He sold the property in 1907, around the time he was building his house. It was purchased by Jerome Nolte and later passed to his daughter Lulu, who had married Arthur G. Tracey. Tracey is of note as one of the preeminent collectors of ephemera and local historians for Carroll County, and his collection and research data are now stored at the Historical Society of Carroll County. Dr. Tracey was an opthamologist, but it is not known whether his office was in this building, or what other enterprises were here. The Traceys sold the property in 1937.

**Geographic Organization:**  
Piedmont

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**Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

**Historic Period Themes:**

Architecture

**Resource Types:**

Commercial and Residential Building



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Carroll County Land Records

Carroll County Tax Assessments; 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, "Hampstead," 1911, 1924, 1924 corrected to 1945.

Insurance Tax Rate Book, 1899.

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## TITLE SEARCH

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Naomi A. Porterfield	?	Nelson L. & Anna R. Tusing (wife)	?	28 Feb. 1984	LWS 858	32	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 - .3891 acres lot on South Main Street
Lulu M. & Arthur G. Tracey (husband)	Hampstead	Maurice C. & Naomi A. Porterfield (wife)	?	24 Aug. 1937	LDM 166	536	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 (1) 1 sq. road, (2) 23 x 256 ft - 5888 sq ft.
Jerome Nolte	Carroll	Amelia E. Nolte, wife, Lulu H. Tracey, daughter	Carroll	17 Sept. 1923	EMM 142	332	Deed fee	Life estate to Amelia
Annie M. Cox & husband George E. Cox	Carroll	Jerome Nolte	?	28 Mar. 1907	DPS 106	359	Deed \$1500 in fee simple	2 parcels - (1) adjacent to August Byerly's lot (2) as above - between lots owned by George E. Cox & Andrew Shaeffer
Shaeffer, Laura C. & Christiana, widow of Andrew	Carroll	George E. Cox		17 May 1895	BFC 81	381	\$80.50 feed in fee simple	For lot 23' x 256' - 5888 sq ft. - between lots held by George Cox and by Andrew Shaeffer

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Christiana Shaeffer, widow of Andrew, Laura C. Shaeffer, Eliza & Samuel Derr	Hampstead Carroll	Annie M. Cox	Hampstead Carroll	22 Feb/ 1889	WNM 69	174	\$100 Indenture (no restriction)	1 sq. rood ±
Derr, Samuel J. & wife Elizabeth A.	Carroll	Shaeffer, Laura C.	Carroll	25 July 1892	BFC 76	433	\$100 deed in fee simple	Described as lot & premises owned by Andrew Shaeffer (deceased) adjoins lot of Margaret Lamott, widow of Samuel, remarried to Jacob
Kemp, J. McKendree	Delaware City, Delaware	Shaeffer, Andrew	Carroll	7 April 1866	W.A. Mck. 33	115	\$2000 deed (no restrictions)	This parcel bounded by Margaret Lammott's property - wife of Samuel (deceased) & remarried to Jacob Frankfelter



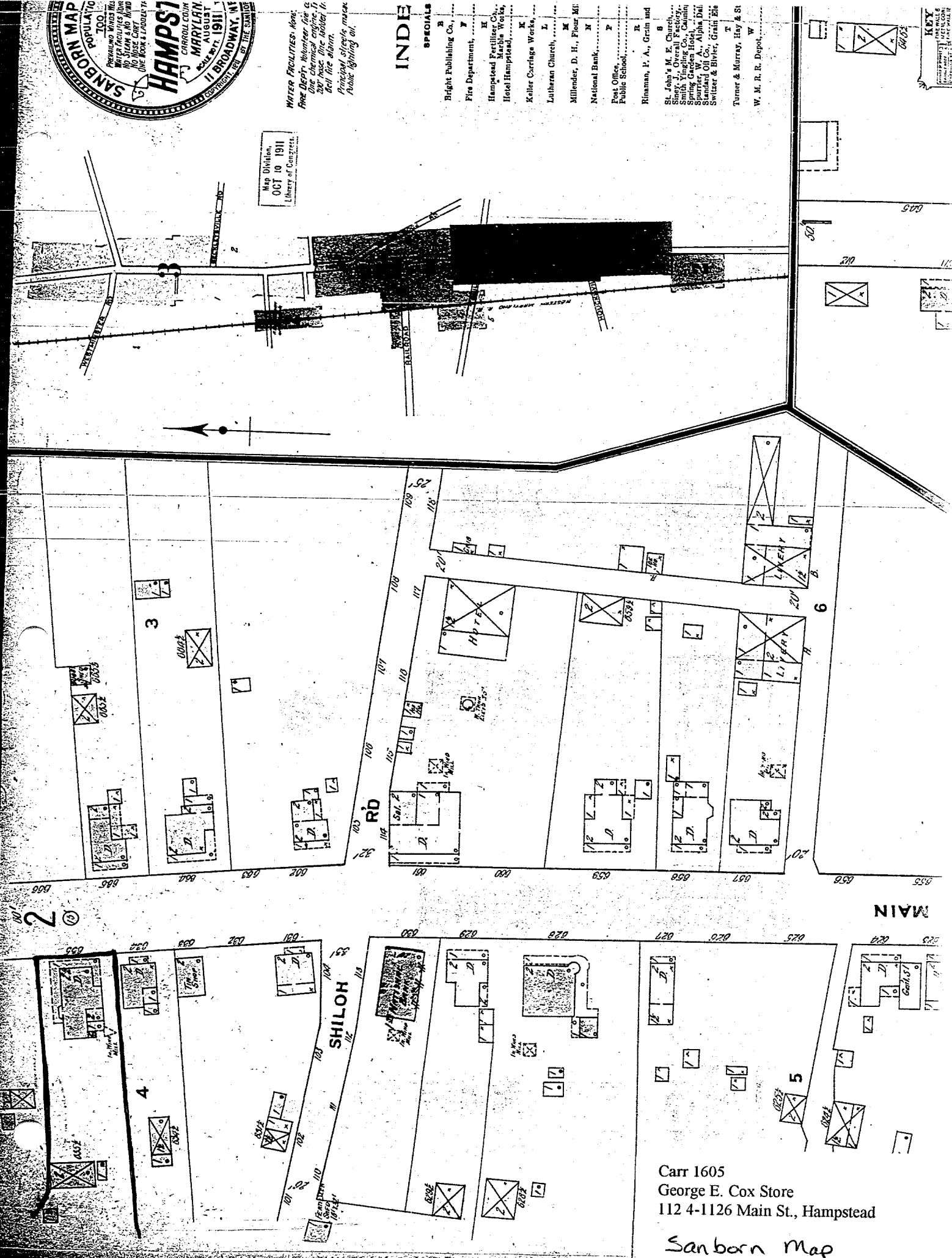
WATER FACILITIES: None.  
 Fire Dept. Station: None.  
 Gas: None.  
 Sewer: None.  
 Electric: None.  
 Principal streets: none.  
 Public lighting: none.

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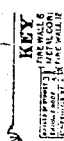
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 National Bank, ...  
 Post Office, ...  
 Public School, ...  
 Rhaman, P. A., Grain and ...  
 St. John's M. E. Church, ...  
 Sherry, J., Overall Factory, ...  
 Smith, Y. S., Overall Factory, ...  
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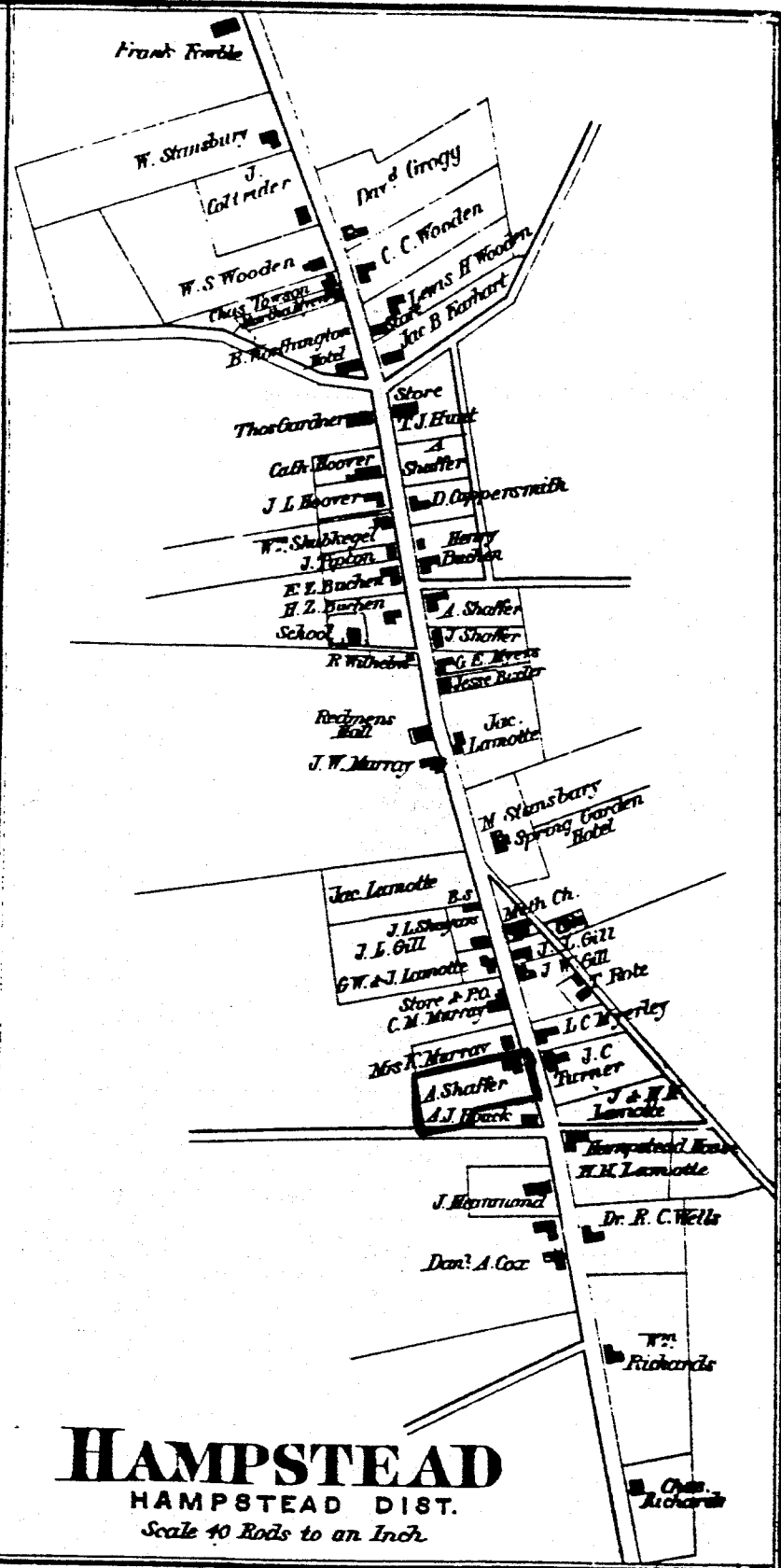
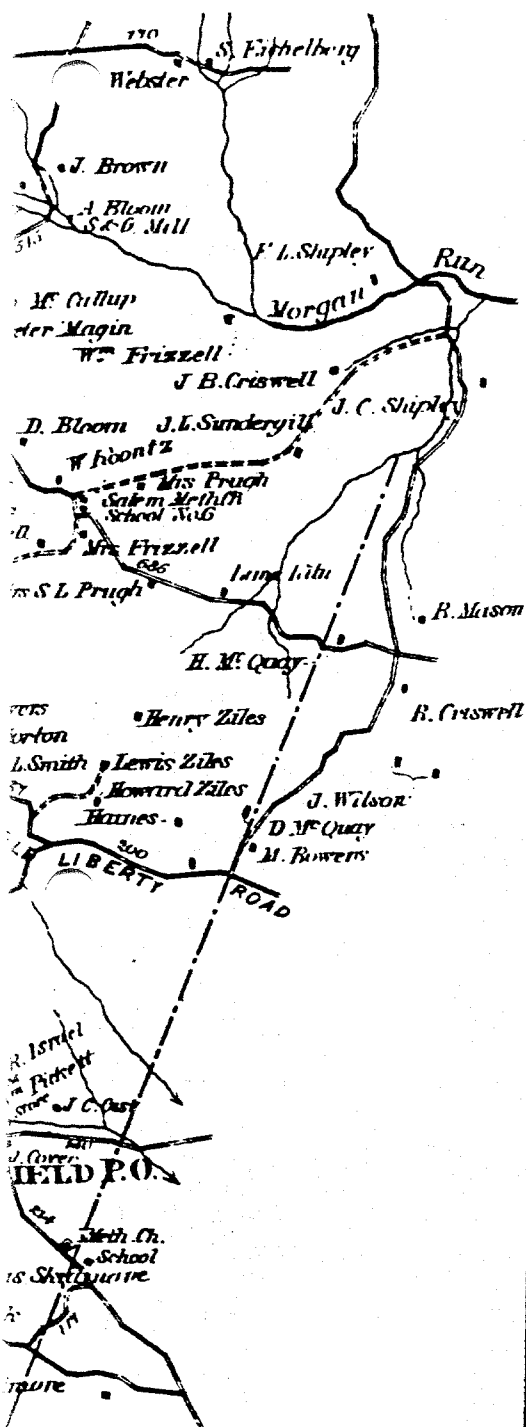
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Sanborn Map





# HAMPSTEAD

HAMPSTEAD DIST.  
Scale 40 Rods to an Inch

**HAMPSTEAD BUSINESS REFERENCES.**  
 John W. Abbott, Teacher, and Justice of the Peace.  
 Houcksville.  
 Geo. W. Keller, Paper Manufacturer and Dealer in all  
 kinds of goods usually kept in a country store;  
 also, Farmer. Houcksville.  
 J. W. Murray, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots,  
 Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs,  
 Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps,  
 and Fertilizers, and all other goods usually kept in  
 a country store.  
 H. H. La Motte, Proprietor of Hampstead House.  
 E. T. Newbelle, Teacher.  
 Lizzie Stockdale, Teacher.

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 Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas, 1877

## HAMPSTEAD.

MAIN STREET (East Side)—Continued.

Tarif No  
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Owner or Occupant  
Occupancy  
Material  
Stories  
Roof  
Rate on  
Building  
Rate on  
Contents

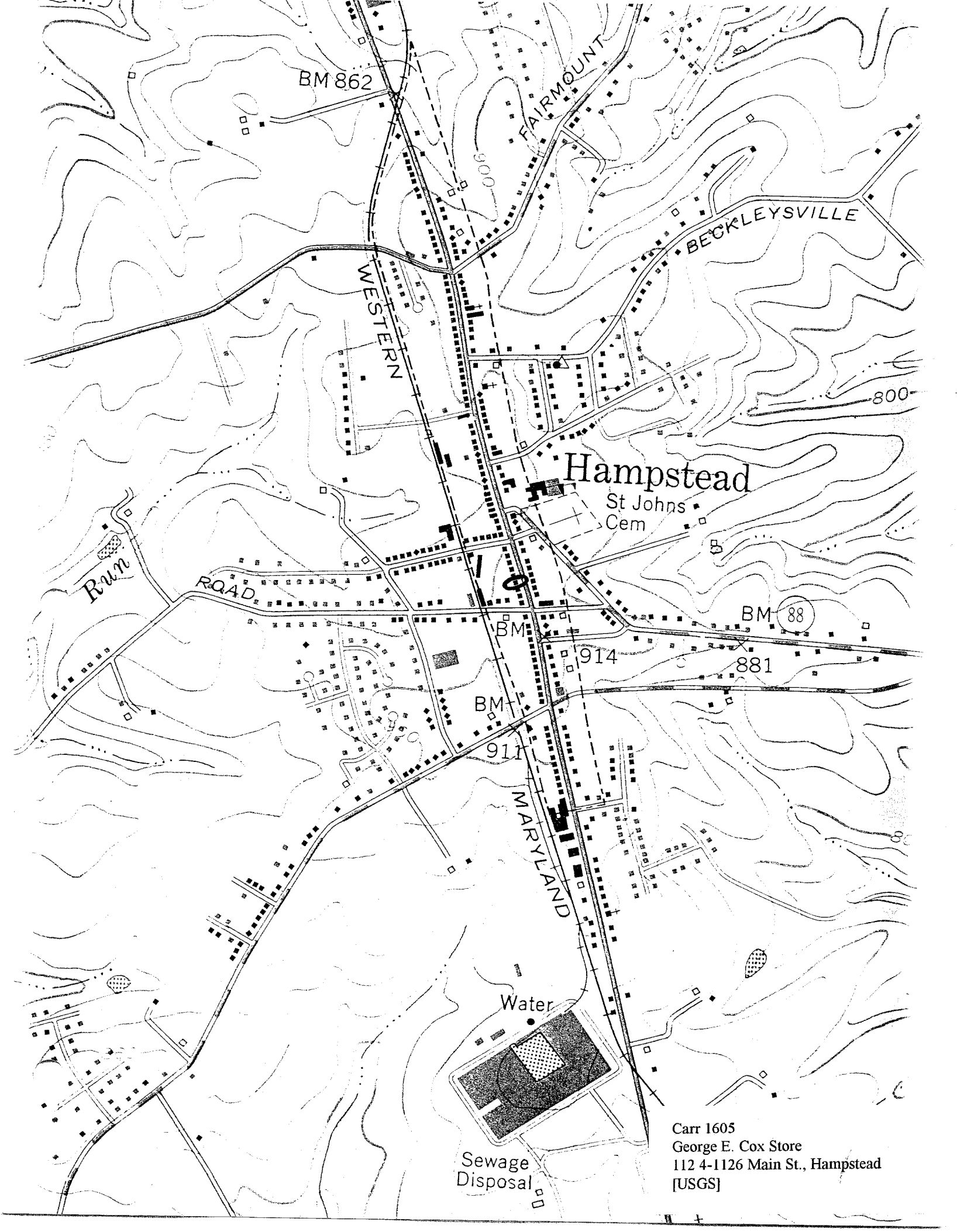
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## HAMPSTEAD.

MAIN STREET (West Side).

Tarif No	Map No.	Owner or Occupant	Occupancy	Material	Stories	Roof	Rate on Building	Rate on Contents
1		Henry Wisner, . . .	Blacksmith shop, . . .	F	1	S	1 50	1 50
2		George E. Cox, . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	Sl	30	30
3		Frank Fauber, . . .	Dwelling, rear, . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
4		Melchor Cox, . . .	Double dwelling, . . .	F	2	S	35	35
5		Fannie Cox, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
6		Dr. R. C. Wells, . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
7		John Snell, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	45	45
8		John Snell, . . . .	Blacksmith shop, . . .	F		S	1 50	1 50
9		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	45	45
10		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	45	45
11		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	General store and dw'g, F	2	S	1 00	1 00	
12		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Double dwelling, . . .	F	2	S	45	45
13		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Boots and shoes & dw'g, F	2	S	1 00	1 00	
14		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Dwelling, rear, . . . .	F	2	S	45	45
15		D. A. Cox, . . . . .	Dwelling, rear, . . . .	F	2	S	45	45
16		A. Abbott, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
17		A. Armacost, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	Sl	30	30
18		Anna Lamott, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
19		H. Mellendore, . . .	Dwelling, rear, . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
20		A. Bearley, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
21		George Cox, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
22		Rev. S. Derr, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
23		William A. Murray, .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
24		C. M. Murray, . . . .	General store & dw'g, F&B	2	S	1 00	1 00	
25		Pierce March, . . . .	Temperance hotel, rear, F	2	S	1 25	1 25	
26		Charles Tipton, . . .	Dwelling, rear, . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
27		Charles Tipton, . . .	Cabinet shop, rear, . . .				See Specials	
28		C. M. Murray, . . . .	Warehouse, rear, . . . .				See Specials	
29		C. M. Murray, . . . .	Creamery, rear, . . . .				See Specials	
30		Henry Booker Estate, .	Dwelling, . . . . .	St	2	S	35	35
31		E. Merryman, . . . .	Harness and dwelling, .	F	2	S	75	75
32		Henry Tipton, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	Advisory	
33		Edw. Diehl, . . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	F	2	S	35	35
34		Mrs. A. Diehl, . . . .	Dwelling, . . . . .	B	2	S	35	35





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HAMPSTEAD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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NORTH ELEVATION

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HAMPSTEAD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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EAST ELEVATION

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